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IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

This proposed amendment is being provided in response to the Final Office Action dated 01 October 2003 and the Advisory Action dated 10 February 2004 for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. It is respectfully requested that the proposed amendment be considered since it is believed, based on Applicants' reading of the Advisory Action, that the following amendments would place the application in a condition for allowance.

No additional fees are believed necessary for submission and consideration of this response. In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this

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paper (including fees for any future claims added) are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 10845-131.

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-9 and 11-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunworth¹. Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunworth in view of Willis².

Amendments to the claims are presented in the claims listing beginning on Page 3.

Remarks begin on Page 10.

U.S. Patent No. 5,930,474, issued July 27, 1999, to Dunworth, et al., submitted by the Applicants

² U.S. Patent No. 6,202,065, issued March 13, 2001, to Willis, Kenneth, continuation of 5,893,093, submitted by the Applicants